



APPROVED
SUMMARIZED MINUTES

**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017
CITY HALL – KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bretz called the Study Session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission to order at 5:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Gary Bretz, Vice Chair
Barry Graham, Commissioner
Jyme Sue McLaren, Commissioner
Steven Rosenberg, Commissioner (Arrived @ 5:38 P.M.)
Robert Stickles, Commissioner

ABSENT: Paul Holley, Chair

STAFF: Paul Basha, Transportation Director
Susan Conklu, Senior Transportation Planner
Frances Cookson, Staff Representative
George Williams, Principal Traffic Engineer

REVIEW OF TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Paul introduced Citizen Louise Lamb in attendance tonight.

• Approval of Meeting Minutes

Study Session of the Transportation Commission – January 19, 2017

Regular Meeting of the Transportation Commission – January 19, 2017

Commissioner questioned surnames being used in the Study Session and Regular minutes.

Commissioner will make motion to have surnames redacted from minutes.

Mr. Basha inquired if the Path and Trails subcommittee members would like to give a brief update on the Path and Trails subcommittee. Vice-Chair mentioned that the items discussed at Path and Trails meeting would be discussed at tonight's meeting.

- **Civic Center Mall Master Plan Update**

Mr. Basha noted this has been a project that started quite some time ago, was put on hold and now it's back. Gary Meyer, Senior Capital project manager will give the presentation tonight. Vice-Chair mentioned he had walked the Civic Center Mall and noted it does need work, it will be a challenge. Commissioner questioned if the master plan includes a funding element to look at potential funding sources or is this strictly exercise in planning/conceptual design? A brief discussion was held on the process/next steps for the Civic Center Mall Master Plan.

- **Maricopa Trail**

Mr. Basha noted this is a pretty exciting project, part of a larger system. Ms. Conklu advised that staff has been coordinating with Maricopa County, showing us where their designation will be coming through Scottsdale.

- **Adero Canyon**

Mr. Basha noted this is a topic suggested by the commission. Ms. Conklu this is a brief update but included how we got to this point, not sure how much detail, other than basic bigger connection. Commissioner advised would be important to review, since only one commissioner on the commission when this first was heard. A commissioner would like to have this open by November. A brief discussion was held on Adero Canyon.

- **Downtown Pedestrian Planning Update**

Mr. Basha noted George Williams will give presentation. Mr. Basha noted we've made great progress with this project. We've had a number of meetings with Old Town merchants; we will not be doing anything in Old Town this year, it is impossible to get a consensus in Old Town for improvements. Ms. Conklu informed Old town consists of south of Indian school, east of Scottsdale road, to Brown Avenue (only east side). Mr. Basha explained that the Old Town merchants love it as is. A discussion was held on Old Town improvements.

- **Other Transportation Projects and Programs Status**

City Manager advised Transportation staff to proceed with construction of Cactus Path, however, the neighborhood-Sonoran Heights, has requested that this item be heard at City Council and City Council agreed to agendaize this item. A discussion was held on commission's recommendations to City Council.

- **Announcements**

Mr. Basha made the following announcements:

- At the February 7, 2017 City Council hearing two people were nominated for Transportation Commission. Appointments will be made on February 21, 2017.
- Madeline Clemann's last day was February 15, 2017.

- Recruitment and interviews are in process for the Transportation Planning and Transit Operations Manager position (Madeline's position). We have two final candidates, one internal and one external candidate.
- Two positions are open in Traffic Engineering: Senior Planner and Principal Traffic Engineer
- There's been a request from a commissioner to discuss the Capital Improvement Program, specifically to vote to reduce the Capital Improvement Program funding for the Pavement maintenance; we will not be doing that. A brief discussion was held on pavement maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss Vice-Chair Bretz adjourned the Study Session at 6:00 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Frances Cookson

Transportation Coordinator

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